

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace the title with the following amended title:*

ELEVATOR CONTROL DEVICE AND ELEVATOR CONTROL METHOD

*Please insert the following paragraph before line 2 on page 1 of the above-identified specification.*

Related applications

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 to PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/002175 filed as an International Application on February 25, 2004 designating the U.S., the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.